

covering consist of an inorganic material selected from the group consisting of metals, alloys, glass and ceramics.

10. (Previously Presented) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 8 in which said covering is made of a plastic resin and in which said covering and said base each include a layer selected from the group consisting of metals, alloys, glass and ceramics.

11. (Amended) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 10 in which said container base and said covering each include ~~an outer~~ a second surface and in which each of said ~~outer~~ second surfaces include a layer formed of an inorganic material selected from the group consisting of metals, alloys, glass and ceramics.

12. (Amended) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 10 in which the ~~layers~~ layer formed on each of said container base and said covering have a thickness of at least 0.1 $\mu$ m.

13. (Previously Presented) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 8 in which the metal or alloy is selected from the group consisting of aluminum, copper, iron and stainless steel.

14. (Previously Presented) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 8 wherein said first surface area and said inner surface of said covering including a layer formed from an inorganic material selected from the group consisting of silicon nitride, silicon carbide, zirconia, alumina and boron nitride.